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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SB0631
By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 21, relative to outdoor advertising.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 21, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated part:

(a) As used in this part, "outdoor advertising" means any outdoor sign, display, device, bulletin, figure, painting, drawing, message, placard, poster, billboard, or other thing which is used to advertise or inform.

(b) Any outdoor advertising which promotes the sale or use of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products is hereby declared to be a public nuisance if it is displayed within any area consisting primarily of residential dwellings or if it is visible from the buildings or grounds of any public or private elementary or secondary school.

(c) Any outdoor advertising, constituting a public nuisance pursuant to subsection (b), shall be disposed of by the county or municipality at the expense of the owner of the property on which the advertising is displayed and the owner of the outdoor advertising, who shall be jointly liable for such cost. If the county or municipality fails to



act expeditiously, any resident of the county or municipality may petition the chancery court for abatement of such nuisance, the costs of such abatement to be borne jointly by the owner of the property and the owner of the outdoor advertising.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1996.

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